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SUBJECT: Operation DABBY

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OPERATIONAL REPORT:

1. At 1400 hrs, 24 April 1941, 2157 was met in confidential quarters located in the Hotel zum Hirschen, Salzburg, Austria, by 35124, 35713 and First mentioned continued to use his usual alias of Mr. Brown, 35713 under his correct name due to initial approaches to 2157 through Hugo TRUX and continued to use the alias of Mr. HARTFORD. After usual security precautions, 2157 submitted general plan attached hereto as Appendix "A".

2. Inasmuch as the plan was written in the Hungarian language, 2157 went over the plan step by step, translating into the German language. Basically, the plan sub-divides into three general categories: critique of past US intelligence operations, theoretical basis for founding a new type intelligence operation into Hungary, and lastly, general observations and comments. General points were discussed pro and con and bear no merit herein, except to state that 35124, 35713 and are fully aware that the plan is highly optimistic and would be subject to considerable revision in order to adapt it on a practical basis. The prime interest remains in carefully cultivating and developing control over 2157 in order that his position, prestige and obvious talents may be turned to the fullest US advantage, vis-a-vis operations directed against Middle Europe and specifically Hungary.

3. Toward the end of the discussion, 2157 presented two (2) copies of his plan (in Hungarian) and retained one copy. He requested that one of the Americans receipt his retained copy to indicate that two copies were turned over. His request received an extremely negative response which prompted his launching into a tirade against his previous shabby (sic) handling by US intelligence in Austria. He stated he did not wish to repeat all the past mistakes and wanted reassurance that he had achieved contact with US military representatives on the highest level possible in Austria. The meeting was terminated about 1400 hrs with no compliance to 2157's requests or inquiries. It is interesting to note the new side of 2157's nature displayed as a result of afore described outburst. While calm and in complete control of himself, source is suave, logical and displays an excellent command of German.

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However, when unnerved, outraged or indignant, source's civility slips considerably, he lapses into a poor German and, on the whole, completely displays the Hungarian side of his nature.

4. 35124, 35713 and [REDACTED] conferred with various members of Det. 35 Staff Group, G2 Zone and ICP the entire morning of 25 April 1951. It was decided that 2157 should be handled with extreme firmness in the meeting scheduled for the afternoon of 25 April. The U.S. position reference his own person, his plan and the Hungarian "migre" picture in general were to be explained to him carefully. He was to be impressed with the need for complete US control of him and any or all operations. If agreeing to such control, negotiations could be continued. If not agreeable, negotiations were to be broken off at that point.

5. Source was recontacted at 1330 hours at the same confidential quarters in the Hotel zum Hirschen. Routine security checks were made. (HARTFORD) appeared in uniform in the rank of Lt. Col. and acted as spokesman in laying down the terms of continued negotiations as outlined in preceding paragraph. 2157 accepted all terms completely and further stated that he wished to work under complete US control and could not visualize any degree of success otherwise. When queried on the point, he re-emphasized that his break with Gen. ZAKO was real and not a plot. He stated he had not only broken with him vis-a-vis the HRPK, but also personally. He stressed that he and ZAKO were "through."

6. Source was informed that his immediate mission prior to the next meeting was compilation of identities and all background information available on persons whom he proposed as staff members under his plan. He stated he was going to Bad Wildungen, Germany, for rest and cure and planned to be gone for a month. He agreed to compile and furnish the desired data for the next meeting tentatively scheduled for 1 June 1951. He will send a postcard to 35713's home (using 35713's true name which has been used throughout these contacts) merely giving his address in Bad Wildungen, signed Uncle Hans. He will then be contacted and a firm date set for the next meeting.

7. Source was then paid 2000 Austrian Schilling by [REDACTED] as salary for the following month. The meeting adjourned at 1445 hours on a friendly basis.

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8. Referenced XOR-1118 should be corrected to indicate 2147 is not clean shaven, but has a brown, sandy mustache and eyes are predominantly blue rather than blue-grey.

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